

33. (New) The system of claim 28, including a display station comprising a general purpose computer and a browser operating to display the network presentation.

34. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the network presentation includes historical data accessible by a user at the display station in response to a user command.

35. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the network presentation includes a graphical representation of the data.

REMARKS

In the Office Action issued in the parent application, separate and distinct inventions were identified. By the present Preliminary Amendment, claims not elected in the Response to that Office Action have been maintained in the present application. Although the Examiner identified claims 16-22 and 23-27 as generally having different utility, claim 16 has been amended by this paper to reflect that the primary utility of the method recited therein is for monitoring a fetal condition, like that of claim 23. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 16 and 23, and the claims depending therefrom, be examined together in the present application.

By the present paper, new claims 28-35 are added. Claims 28-35 are linking claims reciting subject matter in means-plus-function format similar to that recited in claim 16 and its dependent claims. Accordingly, claims 28-35 should be maintained in the present application and examined along with other pending claims.

Conclusion

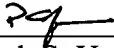
In view of the above remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the drawings and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice.

The claims have been amended as follows:

16. (Amended) A method for monitoring a fetal condition ~~of a patient~~, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) detecting a fetal parameter of interest and generating a fetal condition signal representative thereof;

(b) storing the fetal condition signal;

(c) defining a general purpose network presentation including data representative of the fetal condition signal; and

(d) transmitting the presentation to a general purpose display station via a configurable network link upon receipt of a command from the display station.

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